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Pastime Speech

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Pastime, Sat. Sept. 20, 1947

I MUST FIRST CONGRATULATE THE PASTIME BALL PLAYERS FOR THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP. THEIR PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENT HAVE BEEN A CREDIT TO THEIR ORGANIZATION. THEIR VICTORY WAS A WELL DESERVED ONE AND THEIR SPORTSMANSHIP HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING.

I KNOW THAT FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THEIR TEAM AND THE OTHER TEAMS OF THE TWIN CITY LEAGUE HAVE PLAYED UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS, AS FAR AS MOST OF THE BASEBALL FIELDS ARE CONCERNED. HOWEVER, THE DAY IS NOT VERY FAR AWAY WHEN THOSE CONDITIONS WILL BE REMEDIED. LEWISTON WILL HAVE A NEW, A BRAND NEW DIAMOND. I KNOW YOU DO NOT EXPECT YOUR MAYOR OR YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PERFORM MIRACLES IN SIX MONTHS, AND THAT'S THE PERIOD OF TIME WE HAVE BEEN IN OFFICE. BUT, A GREAT MANY THINGS CAN BE DONE AND WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. I DO NOT SAY THEY WILL BE MIRACLES, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE SPORTS FANS ARE GOING TO BE THRILLED. NEWS WILL BECOME EXCITING.

AS CLIFF GOVE WOULD TELL YOU, SOMETHING IS ALREADY IN THE MAKING, BUT HE AS A MEMBER OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, MYSELF AS A WITNESS AND A BY-STANDER, AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THAT COMMITTEE ARE PLEDGED TO SECRECY.....UNTIL THE MOMENT HAS COME TO TELL YOU, TO TELL THE WORLD ABOUT IT. ~~XOXZMAXEXBKEK~~ YOU, BASEBALL PLAYERS, HAVE WORKED VERY HARD FOR MANY, MANY WEEKS BEFORE GETTING SURE THAT YOU HAD WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP. THEN, ALL WE ASK YOU NOW IS TO WAIT JUST A FEW MORE WEEKS BEFORE YOU BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE ENTIRE SET-UP PREPARED FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT ~~XX~~ BY THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE. THEN I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY.

UNTIL THEN, PLEASE BE PATIENT, BE CONFIDENT, BE SURE THAT CLIFF AND OTHERS ARE WORKING HARD FOR YOU AND THE YOUNG KIDS, FOR THE GROWN-UPS, FOR ~~THE~~ EVERY SPORTS FAN IN THE CITY, FOR THE MUSIC LOVER, FOR THE SCHOOL CHILDREN, FOR THE MERCHANTS, FOR THE WORKERS, FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.